Superintendent of Stationery and Account Section.

353. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the reason or reasons for placing the establishment section of the Huzur Secretariat under the charge of the Superintendent, Stationery Department?

(2) Is the Stationery Superintendent a member of the Secretariat staff?

(3) What are his special qualifications to be in charge of the establishment section of the Huzur Secretariat?

(4) Are the Government aware of the fact that this arrangement has created much heart-burning and discontent among the members of the Secretariat staff, that the injurious and pernicious effect of the arrangement was criticised by the Press and the Members of the last Council and that the late Director of Office Systems, Mr. V. Sekhara Menon, strongly recommended that this arrangement should be discontinued and that the Account Section should be placed under the Secretary in charge of the General Section as before?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (1), (2), (3) and (4) Orders have been recently passed by the Government modifying the present arrangement and placing the establishment section of the Secretariat under an Assistant Secretary to Government.

Krishnapuram Munsiff's Court.

354. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): (i) Will the Government be pleased to say if they have ordered or contemplate to order the shifting of the Munsiff's Court of Krishnapuram from its present site to Kayankulam?

(ii) If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, will the Government kindly state the reasons for the contemplated change?

(iii) Are the Government aware that the idea of shifting the court to the proposed site at Kayankulam is viewed with deep dissatisfaction and distress by the ever so large a section of the public that is under the court's jurisdiction?

(iv) Do the Government know that as a matter of fact the present site has been chosen for its healthy and central situation, and that the court has been remaining there now for over sixty years?

(v) Do the Government further know that the site at Kayankulam, to which the change is contemplated, is the most unhealthy quarter within the whole area of the court's present jurisdiction?

(vi) Have the Government received any representation from the northern *pakuthies* of Karunagapalli taluk protesting against the contemplated change?

(vii) Were the Government aware of the public meeting held at Krishnapuram to protest against the proposed change at the time of passing orders on the question?

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(viii) Did the Government receive a telegram intimating the purport of the meeting and the fact of the deputation appointed at the meeting to see the Dewan?

(ix) Will the Government be pleased to say when they received the telegram?

(x) Will the Government be further pleased to say what they propose to do in regard to the prayer of the memorialists from the northern *pakuthies* of Karunagapalli taluk who are under the jurisdiction of the court?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (i) The Krishnapuram Munsiff's Court was transferred to Kayankulam on the 4th January 1926.

(ii) The transfer was ordered in pursuance of the promise held out by Dewan Bahadur T. Raghaviah in reply to the representation made at the 20th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly by Mr. P. K. Joseph, Member, Trading Classes, Kayankulam. (*Vide* page 113 of the proceedings).

(iii), (iv) and (v) The answer is in the negative.

(vi), (vii) and (viii) The answer is in the affirmative.

(ix) The telegram was received on the 10th September 1925.

(x) The Government regret that the prayer of the memorialists cannot be granted.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In reference to part (ii) of the answer, may I know whether the only reason for the transfer of the court is the promise by the late Dewan?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The justification for it was also looked into.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I remind the Member that my question was as to what were the reasons which prompted the Government for transfering the court to Kayankulam. It is stated in the answer that the late Dewan, Mr. Raghaviah, promised the transfer and that it was therefore ordered.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It was clear to the Government from the promise of the late Dewan that the people wanted the transfer.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Shall I be right in presuming that there must have been some reason for Mr. Raghaviah's promise I was expecting in the answer the reasons for his promise in the matter.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The main reason for it was the representations made in the Popular Assembly.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Do the Government give effect to all representations made in the Assembly irrespective of the reasons?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

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MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Can I not have the reasons then ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Wherever the representations are justifiable, Government may sanction the requests contained in such representations.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Is the Member in possession of the information as to when the question, relating to the transfer of this court, was received by the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no information. I claim notice.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are there any cases in which the promises of the late Dewan were violated ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that arises from the question.

Improvement of the Tovala Channel.

355. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that there are always complaints of insufficiency of water-supply for the wet lands commanded by the Tovala channel;

(*b*) that within the area commanded by that channel there are still large areas capable of being converted into wet lands;

(*c*) that on account of the insufficiency of water supply to the lands already converted there is not sufficient inducement to the ryots for converting the remaining dry lands;

(*d*) that the frequent occurrence of breaches in the channel is one of the chief causes for the insufficiency of water supply; and

(*e*) that all these breaches occur in a particular area in the course of the Tovala channel ?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of improving the embankments of the Tovala channel in the particular area where breaches have been found to occur frequently, and see whether that course is more economical or not than the frequent incurring of expenses for closing breaches ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No. The lands conveniently situated have mostly been converted. Conversion of the lands at the tail end of channels will naturally be slow.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No. Breaches have occurred in 40 different sites within a distance of 22 miles.

(2) Wherever breaches have occurred or are likely to occur, improvements are being carried out, in addition to the closing of breaches.

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